

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**



**FAMILY COST PARTICIPATION PROGRAM GUIDE**

The Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP) will go into effect on January 1, 2005. The program was created by the California State Legislature. This law says that some families will be required to pay part of Respite, Day Care, and Camping. No other services are affected.

Only families that meet the following conditions will be affected:

- Your children are ages 3 through 17 years old.
- Your children live at home.
- Your children are not Medi-Cal eligible.
- Your family income meets a certain limit.

Your portion of these costs is called “family cost participation” (FCP). You will pay your cost participation amount directly to your care provider. The Regional Center will also pay a portion of the total cost to your provider. Your Respite, Day Care, or Camping service providers cannot charge you a higher rate than the rate paid by the Regional Center.

The Regional Center in your area will provide answers to questions about how the new law will affect you and help you determine your cost participation amount.

If there is more than one minor child living in the parents’ home, or in a 24-hour, out-of-home placement, who are not Medi-Cal eligible, and receiving services and supports paid for by the Regional Center, your cost participation amount is adjusted as follows:

- For two children ages 3 through 17, your rate will be reduced by **25 percent for each child living at home** for Respite, Day Care, and Camping services.
- For three children ages 3 through 17, your rate will be reduced by **50 percent for each child living at home** for Respite, Day Care, and Camping services.
- For four children ages 3 through 17, your rate will be reduced by **75 percent for each child living at home** for Respite, Day Care, and Camping services.
- More than four children ages 3 through 17, you will **not be required to participate in the program**.

## What To Expect From Your Regional Center

Your Regional Center will:

- notify you if you qualify under the FCPP guidelines.
- notify you of the amounts you must pay based on the attached table.
- ask you to prove your gross annual income within ten (10) working days from the date you sign your child up to receive service.
- advise you of your cost participation amount within ten (10) working days of the receipt of your completed paperwork.

## Things Parents Must Do:

1) You will need to verify your gross annual income for the Regional Center. This proof of income can include:

- Copies of your W-2 Wage Earners Statement, or
- Your payroll stubs, or
- A copy of last year's State income tax return, or other records, and
- Proof of all your other income.

You must give this information to the Regional Center within ten (10) working days from the date that you sign the completed IPP. **If you do not provide this information, you may have to pay the maximum co-payment amount.**

2) You must also:

- Notify the Regional Center when your family income changes, so that your cost participation amount can be adjusted.
- Notify the Regional Center when the size of your family changes as this can affect the amount of your cost participation.
- Pay your cost participation directly to the Respite, Camping, or Day Care vendor.

## Family Cost Participation Assessment:

Your family cost participation is the amount you must pay for services. The family cost participation is figured on a sliding scale from 5 percent to 80 percent, based on the number of persons living in the family home and your family's income. Your family's income needs to be 400 percent or more of the Federal Poverty Level. (See the attached Family Cost Participation Assessment Schedule for more information).

You have 30 days from the date you are notified of your cost participation amount to ask for a rate review. As allowed by the California Code of Regulations, the Regional Center Executive Director may change the level of cost participation.

### Calculating The FCP Amount:

You can calculate your rate of participation. You will need to know the number of persons living in the family home and your gross annual income. You can get your income amounts from your most recent Federal or State income tax return, W-2 form, payroll stub, or other records. Use the Family Cost Participation Assessment Schedule and do the following:

1. Find the column for the number of persons living in the family home.
2. Find the income closest to, but not more than your total annual income.
3. Read the line titled "% FCP" sideways, to the left. This number, in the "% FCP" column, is the cost percentage (FCP) that you must pay.
4. Multiply the number of units/hours for Respite, Day Care, and Camping, as shown in the Regional Center IPP, by the number in the "% FCP" column. This will give you the number of units/hours of service that you must pay for.

(Each unit of service has a dollar cost. The unit of service that you pay for is your cost participation [FCP]. The Regional Center will pay the service provider the rest of the cost.)

5. Your annual co-payment cannot exceed:
  - a) \$6,400 annually, if the child is age 3 through 6;
  - b) \$7,000 annually, if the child is age 7 through 12; and,
  - c) \$7,900 annually, if the child is age 13 through 17.

# FAMILY COST PARTICIPATION ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Effective April 1, 2005

	Number of Persons Living In The Family Home						
%FCP*	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5%	\$51,320	\$64,360	\$77,400	\$90,440	\$103,480	\$116,520	\$129,560
6%	\$53,886	\$67,578	\$81,270	\$94,962	\$108,654	\$122,346	\$136,038
7%	\$56,452	\$70,796	\$85,140	\$99,484	\$113,828	\$128,172	\$142,516
8%	\$59,018	\$74,014	\$89,010	\$104,006	\$119,002	\$133,998	\$148,994
9%	\$61,584	\$77,232	\$92,880	\$108,528	\$124,176	\$139,824	\$155,472
10%	\$64,150	\$80,450	\$96,750	\$113,050	\$129,350	\$145,650	\$161,950
11%	\$66,716	\$83,668	\$100,620	\$117,572	\$134,524	\$151,476	\$168,428
12%	\$69,282	\$86,886	\$104,490	\$122,094	\$139,698	\$157,302	\$174,906
13%	\$71,848	\$90,104	\$108,360	\$126,616	\$144,872	\$163,128	\$181,384
14%	\$74,414	\$93,322	\$112,230	\$131,138	\$150,046	\$168,954	\$187,862
15%	\$76,980	\$96,540	\$116,100	\$135,660	\$155,220	\$174,780	\$194,340
16%	\$79,546	\$99,758	\$119,970	\$140,182	\$160,394	\$180,606	\$200,818
17%	\$82,112	\$102,976	\$123,840	\$144,704	\$165,568	\$186,432	\$207,296
18%	\$84,678	\$106,194	\$127,710	\$149,226	\$170,742	\$192,258	\$213,774
19%	\$87,244	\$109,412	\$131,580	\$153,748	\$175,916	\$198,084	\$220,252
20%	\$89,810	\$112,630	\$135,450	\$158,270	\$181,090	\$203,910	\$226,730
22%	\$92,376	\$115,848	\$139,320	\$162,792	\$186,264	\$209,736	\$233,208
24%	\$94,942	\$119,066	\$143,190	\$167,314	\$191,438	\$215,562	\$239,686
26%	\$97,508	\$122,284	\$147,060	\$171,836	\$196,612	\$221,388	\$246,164
28%	\$100,074	\$125,502	\$150,930	\$176,358	\$201,786	\$227,214	\$252,642
30%	\$102,640	\$128,720	\$154,800	\$180,880	\$206,960	\$233,040	\$259,120
32%	\$105,206	\$131,938	\$158,670	\$185,402	\$212,134	\$238,866	\$265,598
34%	\$107,772	\$135,156	\$162,540	\$189,924	\$217,308	\$244,692	\$272,076
36%	\$110,338	\$138,374	\$166,410	\$194,446	\$222,482	\$250,518	\$278,554
38%	\$112,904	\$141,592	\$170,280	\$198,968	\$227,656	\$256,344	\$285,032
40%	\$115,470	\$144,810	\$174,150	\$203,490	\$232,830	\$262,170	\$291,510
42%	\$118,036	\$148,028	\$178,020	\$208,012	\$238,004	\$267,996	\$297,988
44%	\$120,602	\$151,246	\$181,890	\$212,534	\$243,178	\$273,822	\$304,466
46%	\$123,168	\$154,464	\$185,760	\$217,056	\$248,352	\$279,648	\$310,944
48%	\$125,734	\$157,682	\$189,630	\$221,578	\$253,526	\$285,474	\$317,422
50%	\$128,300	\$160,900	\$193,500	\$226,100	\$258,700	\$291,300	\$323,900
52%	\$130,866	\$164,118	\$197,370	\$230,622	\$263,874	\$297,126	\$330,378
54%	\$133,432	\$167,336	\$201,240	\$235,144	\$269,048	\$302,952	\$336,856
56%	\$135,998	\$170,554	\$205,110	\$239,666	\$274,222	\$308,778	\$343,334
58%	\$138,564	\$173,772	\$208,980	\$244,188	\$279,396	\$314,604	\$349,812
60%	\$141,130	\$176,990	\$212,850	\$248,710	\$284,570	\$320,430	\$356,290
62%	\$143,696	\$180,208	\$216,720	\$253,232	\$289,744	\$326,256	\$362,768
64%	\$146,262	\$183,426	\$220,590	\$257,754	\$294,918	\$332,082	\$369,246
66%	\$148,828	\$186,644	\$224,460	\$262,276	\$300,092	\$337,908	\$375,724
68%	\$151,394	\$189,862	\$228,330	\$266,798	\$305,266	\$343,734	\$382,202
70%	\$153,960	\$193,080	\$232,200	\$271,320	\$310,440	\$349,560	\$388,680
72%	\$156,526	\$196,298	\$236,070	\$275,842	\$315,614	\$355,386	\$395,158
74%	\$159,092	\$199,516	\$239,940	\$280,364	\$320,788	\$361,212	\$401,636
76%	\$161,658	\$202,734	\$243,810	\$284,886	\$325,962	\$367,038	\$408,114
78%	\$164,224	\$205,952	\$247,680	\$289,408	\$331,136	\$372,864	\$414,592
80%	\$166,790	\$209,170	\$251,550	\$293,930	\$336,310	\$378,690	\$421,070

\*RESPITE, DAY CARE, AND CAMPING as defined in Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 54342. (Note: This program shall not exempt parents from responsibilities for Day Care pursuant to the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 4685 (c)(6).)